**FAE Chapter 4 Reflection**

Chapter 4 was titled Philosophy: Reflections on the Essence of Education. Something that I found extremely relevant to today’s educational context was the opening segment on cheating. One student mentioned that in high school it’s not about learning, but getting good grades. Unfortunately I noticed this is extremely true while I was in high school. Almost everyone cheated, whether it was copying homework, getting classwork answers online, or texting test answers. Cheating was rampant because grades were put above understanding. We were all told that if you don’t get good grades in high school then you couldn’t get into college. If you can’t get into college then you won’t get a good job, and you won’t be able to succeed at life. Obviously kids cheated and I don’t think you can blame them. It was cheat, or be a failure.

Additionally, I found the segment on idealism and realism to be very interesting. Idealism states that supernatural causes attribute to the mind and universe. Realism is the philosophy that natural causes are the explanation for the evolution of the universe, and the physical world is the real and likely only reality. In my opinion, schools should start off teaching students on the bases of realism. It is important to start off teaching what we know scientifically, but we can also teach students to question things like idealism and reality, and make their own opinions. After we all we know very little about the universe.

I find it very surprising that business attire is an issue in a school setting. Ray Walters says that teachers should wear business attire in order to garner respect. In my personal experiences, students are much more willing to learn from someone who is down to earth and relatable. Teachers are simply passing on information to KIDS. It shouldn’t be a strict formal thing. Overall I found chapter to be very interesting.